WP No. 155 of 2004 (M/S)

Hon'ble Irshad Hussain, J

Heard Sri B.S.Verma learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Nand Prasad learned Standing Counsel for respondent nos. 1 and 2.

By means of this writ petition the petitioner has sought the indulgence of the court to direct early disposal of election petition challenging the election of respondent no.3 as Pradhan which is pending disposal for the last about one year. The election petitions are normally to be decided expeditiously. Perusal of the copy of the order sheet (Annexure-1) reveal that the petition was registered on 24th April 2003 and till the last date i.e. 24.1.2004 the evidence of either of the two parties could not be recorded by the Prescribed Authority. There can be no doubt that much delay has been caused in deciding the election petition and therefore the grievance faced by the petitioner is just and genuine and it need to be redressed by a proper direction as prayed for in this petition.

In view of above the petition is finally disposed of with the direction to the respondent no.1 to decide the election petition no. 52/6 of 2002-2003 expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the copy of the order.

Dated: 12.3.2004 **(Irshad Hussain, J.)**

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